

AIR POWER TO BE BIG WAR FACTOR

Garrison Outlines Plans of
Government for Aero-
nautical Service.

SQUADRON FOR EACH TACTICAL DIVISION

Trained Officers and Men the
Most Pressing Need in De-
veloping Military Aviation.

Altman and all those connected with the aeronautical industry took a keen interest in the announcement made in The Tribune yesterday to the effect that the United States government contemplates taking important steps toward increasing the strength of its aeronautical branch. The reported order for thirty aeroplanes, some of the Burgess Company, of Marblehead, Mass., was the chief topic of conversation at the Aero Club of America, and President Alan R. Hawley said that the news was gratifying.

The attitude of Secretary of War Garrison toward aviation is best shown in a statement prepared by him and which will appear in the next issue of "Flying." He says, in part:

"The most pressing need of the aeronautical service is for trained officers and men. It has been impracticable in the past to assign a sufficient number for this important duty owing to the demands of the service in other lines of work."

"The immediate requirements of the aeronautical service have been met by the Military Committee of the House in a bill which looks to the creation of an aviation branch in the signal corps. Sixty officers and 200 enlisted men will be detailed to this work."

"If this matter receives the approbation of Congress the department will be in a position to push the development of this most important branch of the military establishment."

"While the United States was the first nation to recognize the possibilities of the aeroplane in war and to evolve the first type for military purposes, the exigencies of the great powers of Europe have led them to develop their aerial fleets to a much greater extent than has been done in our country, where, except along our Northern and Southern frontiers, we are separated by oceans from the great military powers with which we might become involved in hostile contention, and which, owing to the difficulties of overseas transportation, could not utilize these new engines of war against us except under the most favorable conditions."

"The demands of the service in other directions have limited the activities of the department in developing an adequate air fleet and training a personnel, but its intention is to push this service in the near future as rapidly as circumstances will permit."

"Our present aeronautical establishment consists of an aviation school and an aero squadron at San Diego, Cal., and aviation detachments in Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. The plans contemplate the establishment of aviation centres in various parts of the country, and as soon as men and money are available the organization of an aero squadron for each of the tactical divisions of the army will be undertaken."

"Air power will be one of the dominating factors controlling the policies of the great powers in the future, as sea power has been in the past. The absence or presence of an efficient air force will be a deciding element in hostile operations, and the commander who is without such a force will be greatly hampered from the outset."

"Leading military authorities have agreed that the functions of these new war machines are fourfold: for reconnaissance, both strategic and tactical; for the prevention of reconnaissance on the part of the enemy; for communication purposes and for destructive action against an enemy."

POLITICAL MIX-UP FEARED BY BARNES

Chairman Does Not Favor Un-
official Convention — Wants
Representative Conference.

William Barnes, chairman of the Republican State Committee, is making every effort to have the conference to be held at the Waldorf on May 28 as representative as possible. The state committee is to meet to consider the suggestion of Job E. Hedges that it call an unofficial state convention to suggest candidates for the state primary ticket. The executive committee, consisting of the county chairmen, is to meet with it. An invitation also has been extended to all Republicans to take part in the discussion.

Senator Root and the Republican Representatives from this state are expected, as well as the Republican members of the Legislature. Other members of the party who have indicated their intention to be present include William D. Guthrie, Henry W. Taft, Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the national committee; Ogden L. Mills, Nicholas Butler, president of Columbia University; Henry L. Stimson, former Governor Horace White, William Berri and Charles D. Schieren.

Mr. Barnes has his doubts as to the success of the direct primary law unless an unofficial convention is held, or, to be more exact, he has no doubt that it will result in the greatest mix-up political history has ever known in this state. He does not, however, favor an unofficial convention, because he fears it would give the impression that the Republican party was trying to evade the spirit of the law.

MAN HURT IN ELEVATOR

Hatter Found in Bottom of
Shaft with Fractured Skull.

Pineus Margolies, fifty-one years old, a hatter, was found jammed yesterday in the elevator shaft of the apartment house where he lives, at 52 Second av. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where it was found that his skull was fractured.

Margolies left his place of business in Delancey st. at noon for luncheon. He told the police that he entered the elevator to ascend to his eighth floor apartment. A strange elevator boy was in charge of the car. The last thing he remembered, he said, was that the car began to jump upward at more than its usual speed.

B. Altman & Co.

ATTRACTIVE VALUES IN THE FOLLOWING SALES FOR MONDAY:

A Special Offering of Women's Coats and Wraps

will present an excellent opportunity for securing desirable Outergarments, to complete the Summer wardrobe, at the most advantageous prices.

Imported Tussah Coats, natural color, with accentuations of black satin . . . at \$18.50

Military Capes of black or navy blue serge, braid-trimmed and silk-lined . . . at \$21.00

Imported Wraps of black taffeta . . . at 21.00

Taffeta Wraps, in Copenhagen or navy blue, trimmed with black moire . . . at \$15.00

The remaining stock of Imported Wraps has been subjected to severe revisions in prices.

These Wraps are now being offered at \$58.00, \$65.00, \$75.00 to \$110.00 representing reductions of one-third to one-half from the former prices.

Imported Corsets

made in Paris, will be on special sale at the following very low prices:

Peau de Suede Corsets; and Tricot Corsets of especially firm weave; with low bust and long hips,

at \$6.50, \$7.50 & \$8.50

Corsets in two very desirable models, extremely low bust and long hips; one of peau de suede, with trimming of ribbon and lace; the other with tricotine top (trimmed with embroidery) and deep lower part of twill; special . . . at \$5.00

A Sale of Silk Petticoats

for Women's Summer wear, will present, at much less than the real value, the following:

Foulard Petticoats (light weight) in black only; or China Silk Petticoats (mostly in white), with shadow lace flounce and plaited underlay of the silk, at \$4.75

Imported Hand-made Filet Lace Panels

at . . . \$9.75 & 11.00 each will form a very exceptional offering in the Lace Curtain Department.

Another Important Sale of Curtain Scrims

will comprise Scrims 38 inches wide, of exceptionally fine quality, in stripe and block effects and in white, ivory and ecru, marked at . . . 18c. & 24c. per yard

being about one-half the regular selling prices.

These Scrims, which are much in demand for Summer Curtains, may, if desired, be purchased by the piece. The pieces range in length from 40 to 43 yards.

Special salespeople will, if desired, be detailed to accompany patrons to the store's various departments; or goods will be assembled for inspection in a private showroom.

Misses' and Small Women's Washable Dresses and Skirts

in attractive Summer models and materials, will offer unusual price inducements in the Department on the Second Floor.

Dresses

Of striped or flowered voile . . . at \$4.85

Of colored crepe or ramie linen . . . at 5.75

Of French linen or Dresden crepe . . . at 7.75

Of striped or flowered voile . . . at 10.50

Of imported crepe (embroidered) . . . at 18.50

Separate Cotton Skirts

Of eponge . . . at \$2.90

Of white golf cord . . . at 5.50

Also Misses' and Small Women's Tailor-made Suits

of worsted fabrics, at the extremely low prices of \$14.00 & \$19.50

12,000 Pairs of Women's Silk Gloves

Mousquetaire, 16-button length, in white or black, will be placed on sale at the special price of 75c. per pair.

A Reduction Sale of Girls' Coats and Washable Dresses

(sizes 6 to 14 years) will present a number of eminently desirable styles, featuring the popular fabrics for Summer. These garments have been arranged in three distinct groups and will be marked at the following greatly reduced prices:

Washable Dresses at \$1.75, 2.85, 3.50 & 5.00

Coats and Reefers . . . at \$5.50, 8.00 & 9.50

Also Girls' & Misses' Middy Blouses

(sizes 6 to 20 years) at the exceptional price of . . . 85c.

For MONDAY and TUESDAY

May 18th & 19th

An Important Sale of WOMEN'S AMERICAN-MADE UNDERWEAR

has been prepared, comprising a large quantity of new, attractive Undergarments designed on the fashionable narrow lines and combining superior materials with excellent workmanship. These garments will be offered at the following special prices:

Muslin Undergarments

Nightrobes . . . at 95c., \$1.45, 1.65, 1.95 to 2.85

Combination Garments . . . at \$1.10, 1.45, 1.75 & 2.35

Corset Covers . . . at 68c., \$1.10, 1.25 & 1.50

Drawers . . . at 48c., 68c., 85c., \$1.10 & 1.25

Petticoats . . . at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.45, 1.95 & 2.90

Chemises at 95c., \$1.25 & 1.45 Envelope Chemises at \$1.50 & 1.75

Crepe de Chine Undergarments

Nightrobes . . . at \$4.90, 5.85 & 6.50

Combination Garments (Corset Cover and Drawers)

at . . . \$3.25, 4.25, 5.25 & 7.50

Underbodices . . . at \$1.50, 1.95, 2.25, 2.95 & 3.25

Knickerbockers . . . at \$3.50 Of China Silk . . . at 1.95

Princess Slips of messaline . . . at 3.90

French Hand Embroidered Aprons

will also be placed on sale at the greatly reduced prices of 85c., \$1.40 & \$1.75

For TUESDAY,

May 19th

An Unusual Sale of WOMEN'S SUMMER BLOUSES

has been arranged, offering a number of attractive models, in the most favored materials, at the extraordinarily low prices quoted:

Batiste or Voile Blouses, in four attractive styles . . . each \$1.90

Organdie Blouses; and Voile Blouses, embroidered in color, each 3.00

Organdie, Linen, Fancy Crepe or Voile Blouses . . . each 3.90

Organdie Blouses, lace or embroidery trimmed; and Crepe de Chine Blouses in peach, maize or white . . . each \$5.00

Also, in addition to the above,

500 Blouses (sizes incomplete), variously made of crepe de Chine, lace or chiffon, have been taken from the regular stock and will be offered, to close out . . . at \$2.75, 5.50 & 9.75

these being from one-third to one-half less than the former prices.

Silk Taffeta Parasols

will be placed on sale in a special collection which includes the newest shapes, the popular shirred and corded effects, black-and-white combinations, ribbon borders and all the smart colors, at the remarkably low price of . . . \$2.85

Also Men's and Women's Twilled Silk Umbrellas

at special prices, as follows:

Umbrellas with mission or natural wood handles . . . at \$2.00

Umbrellas with sterling silver-mounted handles . . . at \$2.25

A Sale of

Wicker Furnishings

for the Summer cottage or bungalow will be a feature of special interest in the Department for Art Objects and Bric-a-brac, offering the following wanted articles at unusually low prices:

Tea Wagons . . . at \$12.00

Tea Tables . . . at \$6.00 & 8.00

Refreshment Trays . . . at 6.50

Serving Trays . . . at 3.50

Sandwich Trays . . . at 1.75

(In the regular stock will be found a very complete assortment of Wicker Furniture, including Writing Desks, Magazine and Book Stands, Card and Tea Tables, Muffin Stands, Cellarettes, etc.)

Women's Ready-to-wear Department

(Third Floor)

The New Cape Coat Suits and Cape Suits; Yachting and Seashore Dresses; Riding Habits and Sports Suits.

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